

AMONG THE MUD PIE SMASHERS

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DEEP RUN SHOOT SATURDAY

Many of the Richmond Club Will Shoot in This Tournament for Big Prizes.

On account of the rainy afternoon the Richmond Gun Club declared the merchandise prize shoot off until some future time, but, in spite of the rain, ten shooters faced the traps, and several made good scores.

In the race for the Anthony medal Mr. Tignor and Mr. Coleman tied, with a perfect score. The tie was shot off at twenty-five targets. Mr. Tignor easily winning out on an excellent score—24.

High gun medal went to John Martin, with 44 out of 50, and in the evening's score Johnny accounted for 90 out of his 100, which was an excellent score under the adverse conditions.

Mr. Anderson got a straight in one 25. Owing to the big shoot at the Deep Run Gun Club next Saturday, the Richmond Gun Club will not shoot, as a number of the members wish to participate in the Deep Run programme, which is a very attractive one. This is an open money shoot, with money added in each event and a beautiful lunch at the close of the shoot. A large crowd is expected, as the shooting grounds are not surpassed by any in the State, and accommodations are made to entertain all shooters.

E. H. Storr, of the Peters Cartridge Company, who has been the "high gun" at the last five tournaments, will be present and demonstrate the superiority of his ammunition.

Regular shoot at fifty targets as follows:

	Broke.	Allow'd.	Total.
Tignor, Jas.	36	14	50
Coleman	40	10	50
Martin, J.	44	6	50
Robinson, Geo.	41	9	50
"Virginia"	42	8	50
Anderson, J.	41	9	50
Hechler, J.	31	19	50
Brown, H.	36	14	50
Lowry	36	14	50
Taylor	19	31	50

	Shot at.	Broke.
Anderson	50	46
Tignor, Jas.	50	46
Martin, J.	50	46
Robinson, Geo.	50	46
"Roby"	50	46
Lowry	50	31
"V"	50	30
"Virginia"	50	30

SMYTH COUNTY A GAPDEN SPOT

(Continued from First Page.)

Principal land owners in the valley, and his farm is one of the most productive. He is a great cattle grower, but he also cultivates crops extensively, and his bank balance would look pretty large even when compared with that of a man regarded as wealthy in Richmond. Some of the other large land-owners in the valley are H. L. Morgan, W. V. George, T. T. Taylor, George W. Pratt, George C. Umberger, Emmett Rewes and Buchanan a-plenty—T. W. Buchanan, J. C. Buchanan, G. Buchanan, E. H. Buchanan, T. E. Buchanan and George W. Buchanan. Frank Buchanan, pretty well known in Virginia politics, practices law in Marion.

The Main Valley is that of the Middle Fork, in which Marion is located. While it may be hardly so fertile as Rich Valley, a farmer could hardly ask to have more productive lands. There are numerous small farms in the valley, but the principal land-holders include R. W. Scott, James D. Tate, John L. Saunders, John W. Preston, L. H. Haller, H. P. Copenhaver, F. L. Saunders, E. D. Hull, W. E. Stevenson, J. F. Keller, J. P. New and E. H. Copenhaver. In the valley of the South Fork there is a great deal of timber, much of which is being cut. This does not mean, there are no good farms there. The estates are large, as a rule, splendidly cultivated and wonderfully productive. Some of the South Fork farmers are E. S. Keessling, R. N. Ward, J. H. Whitaker, H. P. Cole, H. K. Cole, N. L. Umberger, J. P. St. John and Levi M. Cole.

Values Increase.

The value of the lands of Smyth is constantly increasing. The increase in valuation of the lands in Rich Valley was \$71,900 this year over the assessment of five years ago; \$64,000 in the Middle Valley, and \$28,000 in the South Valley. The latter is an increase of fifty per cent., and is said to be due in large measure to the development of the vast timber tracts of that section. Although the land of Smyth is so fertile, and much of it in a high state of improvement, the assessed value, as a rule, very low. I am informed it does not average over \$6 an acre.

One of the largest enterprises in the county, after the salt and alkali works at Saltville, are the saw mills of the United States Spruce Lumber Company, located here. The company owns many thousands of acres of timbered land in this and Grayson counties. Grayson adjoins Smyth on the south. The company owns and operates a railroad thirty-six miles in length, which is used chiefly in transporting logs from the forests to the mills at Marion. The late Colonel George W. Miles, whose widow resides here, built the Marion and Rich Valley road from this point to Sugar Grove, twenty-

The Woman's Shop

The Final Cut Has Been Made On All Summer Goods

And the last week of July will give the Richmond ladies the best bargains they have yet seen in ladies' wearing apparel.

We are enlarging our store for the beginning of our second year's business, and we wish to start it with a clean, new stock, hence we will allow nothing to stand in the way of cleaning up our present stock, all of which is new and desirable merchandise.

White Lawn and Linen Suits

Are to Be Sold at Almost One-Half.

\$5.00 Lawn Shirt-Waist Suits, neatly trimmed in Val. lace, are now \$2.95.
\$8.00 Lawn Suits, made with French bow knots, full skirt, are now \$3.45.
\$8.75 Fine Lawn Suits, elaborately trimmed in Val. lace, are now \$5.00.

\$12.50 Finest Lawn Suits and Linen Suits are now \$7.50.

\$10.00 Long Coat White Tailor-Made Suits are now \$6.50.

Waists Are All Reduced

\$1.00 White Lawn Waists, tailor-made, are now 50c.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Finely Made Lawn and Linen Waists are now 75c.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Best Value Lawn and Pure Linen Waists are now \$1.00.

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Handsome Waists, in many of the best styles, are now \$1.50.

White Linen Skirts at Small Prices

\$3.50 Tailor-Made Linen Skirts are now \$2.50.

\$4.50 Linen Skirts are now \$3.00.

\$5.00 Linen Skirts are now \$3.50.

\$6.00 Linen Skirts are now \$3.75.

\$1.25 Cannon Cloth Skirts are now 95c.

\$2.00 Cannon Cloth and Percale Skirts are now \$1.50.

China Silk Waists

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Peers & Owens Co.,

417 East Broad Street.

two miles distant. The Virginia Southern connects with the former road at Sugar Grove and runs on fourteen miles to Palmyra, in Grayson county. About the time of Colonel Miles's death the two roads passed under the management of the lumber company and passenger and freight trains are now operated between Marion and Palmyra. It is said the United States Lumber Company owns enough timber in Smyth and Grayson to supply its mills for thirty years. There are said to be chances for good investments in timber land in the section penetrated by the new road. There is talk of the construction of a road from Fries, in Grayson county, to connect with the Virginia Southern at Palmyra. The completion of this would open up a fine territory, now entirely undeveloped.

Town of Marion.

Marion is thriving like all the rest of the towns of the Southwest that I have visited. In addition to the big lumber mills, there are three or four wood-working establishments. One firm, engaged in the manufacture of hubs, spokes and completed wagons, is understood to be doing an especially fine business. A furniture factory is rapidly building up a large trade.

A courthouse, to cost upwards of \$50,000, is in course of erection, and will be completed in two or three months. It will be of brick, with foundation and trimmings of Indiana limestone. There was a great row over the building of this courthouse. A large proportion of the voters, said to reach 50 per cent., was in favor of rebuilding the old courthouse. But the board of supervisors was convinced that it was wiser to build a new one, and it was so ordered. The people of the county promised that the new building would not result in increased taxation. The county gave \$30,000 to secure the location of the Southwest State Hospital for the Insane at Marion. The money was raised by an issue of bonds. These bonds have just been paid. Instead of lowering the taxes, as could have been done, with the bonds redeemed, the supervisors kept the rate at the old figure and are building a courthouse.

There is a general clamor for better roads in Smyth. Many of those who opposed building the courthouse wanted for rebuilding the building would cost appropriated to make better roads. But a proposition to issue \$75,000 for road building was overwhelmingly defeated in a popular election two years ago, and W. V. George, then a member of the General Assembly from this county, was defeated for reelection because he had secured the passage of the bill allowing the people to vote on the question of bonds or no bonds.

So that while the demand for good roads is sincere probably, the people are hardly ready to pay the price.

Splendid Condition.

The county is in excellent financial condition, and the same is true of the town of Marion. There are two thousand or more inhabitants of Marion. The general appearance of streets and buildings, including residences and business houses, indicates that the amount of the building would cost appropriated to make better roads. But a proposition to issue \$75,000 for road building was overwhelmingly defeated in a popular election two years ago, and W. V. George, then a member of the General Assembly from this county, was defeated for reelection because he had secured the passage of the bill allowing the people to vote on the question of bonds or no bonds.

That there is money in the town of Marion and Smyth county is evidenced by the flourishing condition of the banks. The Bank of Marion, established two years ago, paid, this year, an annual

dividend of six per cent. The deposits reach the sum of \$200,000, while the surplus and undivided profits aggregate \$8,000.

The Bank of Marion, established in 1874, has deposits aggregating \$162,600, with surplus and profits amounting to \$61,732.35.

With the exception of Saltville, there is no town of considerable size in Smyth, save Marion. Chillsow is a thriving place, with lumber establishments and a big brick manufactory. There is a good market for the vitrified brick, manufactured at Chillsow.

There are two hotels at Marion. If a consolidation would result in improvement, consolidation let it be. A new hotel is badly needed and should prove a good investment. Every room was taken in the Valley House, at which I stopped last night.

Democrats tell me Smyth may be looked upon as a safely republican county. The majority runs to from 200 to 300. The normal democratic vote is 1900 or 1000.

Regarding the present political campaign, I am informed by every politician of the county who I have seen that a majority of the democrats will vote to keep Senator Martin in the Senate.

Extravagant claimants for him place his majority at four hundred. More careful estimates give Senator Martin 250 of the county's 300 votes. This is based on the assumption that a thousand or 1100 votes will be polled.

It is conceded that Mr. Swanson will carry the county by a large margin. He is a native of Marion. The same is said to be true of Pulaski and Wythe.

WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

A Surprise Marriage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

KEYSVILLE, VA., July 22.—One of the surprises of the season was the marriage of Miss Hattie Legrande, of Keysville, Va., to Mr. Max L. James, of Port Valley, Ga., to-day. The marriage took place at the home of the bride and was witnessed only by a few of the relatives and intimate friends. Miss Legrande is a graduate of the New York Conservatory and has taught expression in Southern colleges for several years past. The groom is a prosperous cotton dealer and gives promise of being one of the leading business men of the South.

The bride wore a brown satin and carried Bride's roses. After the ceremony the young couple left on the southbound train for Asheville, N. C., where they will spend several weeks, after which they will leave for Fitzgerald, Ga., where they will make their future home.

Approved by the Mayor.

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ONLY ONE MONTH IS LEFT

Candidates With Opposition Preparing for Whirlwind Finish.

The ticket in the coming Democratic State primary to be held on August 22d, will be as follows, all the candidates having paid their entrance fees as required by the plan:

For United States Senator:

Thomas S. Martin.

A. J. Montague.

For Governor:

William Hodges Mann.

Claude A. Swanson.

Joseph E. Willard.

For Lieutenant-Governor:

James Alston Cabell.

Taylor Elyson.

For Attorney-General:

William A. Anderson.

Samuel W. Williams.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Joseph D. Eggleston, Jr.

George H. Chandler.

Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston, Commissioner of Agriculture

George W. Kohner and Treasurer A. W. Harman, Jr., were yesterday declared the nominees for their respective positions, no one having appeared against either of them.

Mr. George H. Hulvey, of Rockingham, a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, was the last man to pay up. His check reached Mr. Elyson before noon yesterday, and this put him properly in the race.

They All Paid Up.

It is a fact worthy of remark that all the announced candidates for all positions, save those who withdrew some time ago, paid their fees and are actively in the fight. There is barely a month in which to conduct the battle, and none of those who have opposition are going to lose any of them.

They were nearly all hard at work yesterday, and will resume active operations to-morrow.

Governor Montague was at Drake's Branch, Senator Martin at Newport News, Judge Mann at Annapolis, Court-

house at Annapolis, and Mr. Willard at Pearisburg.

Here is the programme so far as it is known for to-morrow:

Governor Montague, Mr. Swanson and Captain Willard at Houston (Halifax county), and Senator Martin at Staunton (Augusta county).

The appointments of Judge Williams and Judge Mann for Monday have not been announced.

REAL ESTATE HAS GROWN IN VALUE

Assessors Have Almost Completed Their Work—Increase of a Million on Broad.

The Board of Assessors, whose duty it is to ascertain the value of real estate, are now working on Henry Road, the last of the city, and they will be ready to make their report about the middle of August.

It is generally understood that the city's real estate has greatly increased, and that every lot on Broad Street the values have advanced at least \$1,000.

Here are some of the well-known taxpayers and the amounts that they are paying in taxes: John Steinhilber, \$1,000; T. H. Elliott, \$1,000; Ebel and Son, \$1,000; Grinnell estate, \$2,000; H. H. May, \$1,000; Magnus (less-burg), \$2,000; Hutzler's Sons, \$2,000; Gilbert Hunt, \$2,000; Mrs. Bridget Irvine, \$2,000; Mrs. and Mr. C. S. C. about \$2,000; Louis Keppeler's estate, \$1,000; Meyer Kirsch, \$700; B. R. Lipshitz, \$1,000; Mrs. A. C. McKinley, \$1,000; Mrs. M. W. March, \$500; P. H. Mayo, real and personal, \$5,000; Moses Millner estate and Millner Bank Co., \$2,000; Charles and William Miller, \$1,000; J. and E. Mitteldecker, \$2,000; Colonel John Murphy, \$1,000; E. C. Nolting's estate, \$2,000; E. C. Nolting's estate, \$2,000; A. Pizzini, \$700; George Pope, \$1,000; E. Raab, \$2,700; Rountree Company on realty, \$2,000; E. C. Schell, \$1,000; W. Schell and Bro., \$1,000; Mrs. W. C. Schmidt, \$1,000; C. G. and G. Schmidt, \$1,000; P. Siltinger, realty, \$1,000; T. C. Williams estate and family, \$5,000; Mrs. L. W. Wise, \$1,000; W. H. Zimmerman, \$1,000; C. W. Allen, \$1,000; Henry Holzerfer, \$1,000; A. D. Williams, \$2,500; Dr. William H. Scott, on real estate, \$2,000; James Hartley, \$1,500.

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